



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: David Brown
DOCKET NO.: 14-02449.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-16-319-011

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are David Brown, the appellant, and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **No Change** in the assessment of the property as established by the **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$3,375
IMPR.: \$15,483
TOTAL: \$18,858

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2014 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a one-story frame dwelling that contains 1,109 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in in 1930. Features include a full unfinished basement¹ and a 360 square foot garage. The subject parcel has a 4,737 square foot site. The subject property is located in Waukegan Township, Lake County, Illinois.

The appellant contends overvaluation and lack of assessment equity as the bases of the appeal. In support of these arguments, the appellant submitted information on three comparable properties with both sales and equity data. The comparable properties located from .17 to .25 of a mile from the subject. The comparables had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in design, age, dwelling size and/or features. The comparables sold from March 2011 to December 2013 for prices ranging from \$27,500 to \$36,500 or from \$28.53 to \$33.15 per square foot of living area, including land. The comparables have improvement assessments

¹ The assessing officials report the subject basement is partially finished "per MLS."

ranging from \$11,818 to \$16,477 or from \$12.26 to \$15.60 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment to \$10,000 or a market value of approximately \$30,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$18,858. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$15,483 or \$13.96 per square foot of living area and the subject's total assessment reflects a market value of \$56,597 or \$51.03 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2014 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.32% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

With respect to the appellant's evidence, the board of review argued the comparables were in poor condition or foreclosure sales. The board of review further argued that the appellant did not assert that the subject has any condition issues like the selected comparables. Moreover, the subject property's improvement assessment falls within the range of the appellant's comparables in terms of equity.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted an analysis of four comparable properties with sales and equity data located from .20 to .40 of a mile from the subject. The comparables had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in land area, design, age, dwelling size and/or features. The comparables sold from June 2013 to September 2014 for prices ranging from \$43,000 to \$61,000 or from \$41.75 to \$52.59 per square foot of living area, including land. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$9,726 to \$16,927 or from \$9.22 to \$14.59 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence and argument, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted seven comparable properties for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the comparables submitted by the appellant as these properties sold "as is" and were in a state of disrepair, inferior to the subject, at the time of sale. In addition, comparable #2 sold in 2011, which is dated and less indicative of market value in relation to the subject's January 1, 2014 assessment date.

The Board finds the comparables submitted by the board of review were more similar when compared to the subject in location, land area, design, age, dwelling size and/or features. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$43,000 to \$61,000 or from \$41.75 to \$52.59 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market

value of \$56,597 or \$51.03 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the most similar comparable sales contained in this record. After considering any necessary adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Therefore, no reduction in the subject's assessed valuation is warranted on grounds of overvaluation.

The appellant also marked assessment equity as a basis of this appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not met this burden of proof.

The Board finds the seven comparables submitted by both parties had varying degrees of similarity to the subject in location, size, age and/or features. The comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$9.22 to \$15.60 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$13.96 per square foot of living area is within this range. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is equitable and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted on grounds of lack of assessment equity.

In conclusion, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified on this record either on the grounds of overvaluation or on the grounds of lack of assessment equity.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member



Acting Member

DISSENTING: _____

CERTIFICATION

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: December 23, 2016



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of

the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.